

Hot Topics**New England Air Quality**

On July 16, 17, 19, and 20, unhealthy air quality was measured in Connecticut. The highest concentrations were measured in Westport and New Haven, Connecticut, 90 ppb and 89 ppb respectively, on July 16. Additional exceedances were measured on Martha's Vineyard July 20 and 21. There have been 13 exceedance days in Region 1 so far this year.

Economic Development Resource Meeting for North Quabbin Communities

On July 19, Region 1 staff attended an Economic Development Resource meeting for the North Quabbin communities and provided information on State Revolving Fund, Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act grants, and Healthy Community Grant Programs. The meeting was hosted by Congressman Jim McGovern to aid communities in financing water and wastewater infrastructure, affordable housing, and transportation projects.

Big Check Event - Brownfields

On July 25, Brownfields staff joined the Acting Regional Administrator and the Commissioners of Vermont DEC and Vermont ACCD to celebrate over \$3M in new grants being awarded to eight recipients in Vermont this year. The event was held at the new Caledonia Spirits facility (a former brownfield) in Montpelier, Vermont. All recipient organizations were in attendance and received their big checks.

Creese and Cook Superfund Site Record of Decision

On July 22, Region 1 signed the Record of Decision for the Creese and Cook Superfund site in Danvers, MA. The selected remedy includes excavation of contaminated soil on the east and west side of the Crane River. Most of the excavated soil will be consolidated on the west side of the River, followed by construction of a protective cap. The estimated cost of the remedy is \$24.3 million.

Lead Expedited Settlement Agreement with Pro Painting LLC

On July 19, 2019, Region 1 filed an expedited settlement agreement under TSCA's Lead-Based Paint Expedited Settlement Agreement Policy resolving violations of the Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) Rule against Pro Painting, LLC. The company's employees were not certified as Individual Renovators under the RRP Rule and the company was not RRP firm certified. The violation pertained to renovations in Putnam, Connecticut. This action will help to protect children from the harmful effects of lead-based paint.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events**Air Quality Workshop in Taiwan**

From July 29 - August 2, Region 1 staff will be helping OITA and EPA-Taiwan to lead the 2019 South/South East Asia – Air Improvements in the Region (SSEA-AIR) Workshop in Taoyuan, Taiwan. Participants from about 10 Asian countries will attend the workshop, which will focus on developing an air-quality Action Plan to improve air quality. Staff will also participate in consultations between USEPA, EPA-Taiwan, and other Asian counties as they develop a 5-year strategic plan for the SSEA-AIR program.

Hot Topics**The Office of Water to Visit Puerto Rico on August 6-8**

On 7/24 Region 2 held a conference call with local partners on Puerto Rico for the CWSRF and DWSRF, including DNER, DOH and PRIFA and EPA's Office of Water to discuss the status of negotiations on restructuring outstanding debt. Work on this issue is coming to a close and EPA anticipates a new agreement will be signed imminently. Conclusion of the restructuring also will allow \$114 million SRF allocations, which were frozen for the last five years, to become available for critical infrastructure repairs and improvements. The work also will result in more stable and sustainable administration of SRF proceeds by the Commonwealth moving forward.

Limetree Bay Terminal, U.S. Virgin Islands

On 6/4 Limetree submitted its proposal to install and continuously operate two post-operational ambient SO₂ monitors near its facility. LBT also proposed to operate three additional SO₂ monitors only when the facility is combusting fuel oil which contains >0.05% sulfur. Region 2 responded to Limetree on 7/18, upon finishing its review of the EJ modeling. Based on the results of the EJ modeling analysis, and as requested by VIDPNR, Region 2 believe it is prudent for Limetree to continuously operate five SO₂ ambient monitors and additionally operate two new NO₂ and one new PM_{2.5} monitors. The same locations as previously operated by HOVENSA remain acceptable, except that a new location should be started slightly to the north of the facility where modeling projects peak impacts of SO₂, NO₂ and 24-hour averaged PM_{2.5} could occur. The language to include ambient monitoring in the PAL permit is currently being drafted. The other parts of the draft PAL permit (with the exception of the ambient monitoring section) are being revised based on comments from OGC and OAQPS.

Passaic River Superfund Site, Clifton, New Jersey

RA Lopez, NJDEP and Assemblywoman Britnee Timberlake headlined a public availability/public meeting session on the cleanup status of the Passaic River Superfund site on 7/25 in Clifton, NJ in Assemblywoman Timberlake's district. Discussion focused on the work underway in the lower 8.3 miles of the Passaic River, where EPA has made a decision on the cleanup plan and then focused on the interim remedy being contemplated for the upper 9 miles of the river.

Port of Albany

Region 2 and NYSDEC completed its joint review of the Port's 7/11 response to comments on the risk-based PCB cleanup and disposal application. All remaining comments have been addressed. Region 2 recommended to the Port's consultant that the final version of the application should be submitted, to both Region 2 and the NYSDEC, so the draft risk-based approval can be prepared. This area for redevelopment is in an Opportunity Zone, so Region 2 is working to expedite this permit.

Don't Trash Long Island Sound Campaign

The Long Island Sound Study will conduct its third #DontTrashLISound social media campaign 8/5-9/20, prior to International Coastal Cleanup Day. Many of the posts will emphasize the message to *Break the Single-Use Plastic Habit* to help protect Long Island Sound's wildlife. Residents are being asked to put the campaign's stickers onto their reusable bottles when they visit a Sound beach this summer and post the image on social media. The campaign is also working with partners to hold beach cleanups in Long Island.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Region 2-NYSDOH-NYSDEC Laboratory Meeting

Last year, Region 2 reached out to the NJ state environmental laboratories – primarily those from NJDOH and NJDEP, to start a laboratory-centric group” to “check in” and review monitoring goals/support and explore collaboration opportunities, possibly leveraging the technical expertise among the collective laboratories. In 2018 two meetings took place with NJ laboratory partners. Region 2 has taken a similar approach in 2019 and is engaging with NY state environmental laboratories – those from NYSDOH and NYSDEC. Region 2 is having a half-day meeting at the NYSDOH Environmental Health Sciences Laboratory, in Albany on 7/30.

Hot Topics**Scoping Comments for the Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) NEPA Environmental Assessment (Cargo City Redevelopment and Expansion Plan)**

Staff from Region 3 will be providing scoping comments to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the development of an Environmental Assessment (EA) compliant with NEPA. PHL has previously developed plans for the Capacity Enhancement Program (CEP) with an Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision in 2010. In April 2015, the City of Philadelphia approached FAA seeking approval to modify the CEP relocations of Cargo City and UPS to avoid and minimize impacts to residents and business. FAA completed a reevaluation under NEPA. The proposed project includes redevelopment of approximately 135 acres of newly acquired property, new cargo buildings and facilities, one-mile Tinicum Island Road relocation, lighting, parking, overnight parking positions for aircraft, stormwater management area, etc. FAA noted in a phone update to EPA that community coordination and advanced retrofitting of homes will reduce noise impacts to the neighborhood. Wetland impacts are anticipated, and compensatory mitigation is being planned. Scoping comments are due August 2, 2019.

Region 3 Completes Monitoring Survey of Norfolk Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site

July 8-15, Region 3 staff boarded the University of Georgia's Research Vessel "Savannah" to monitor one of Region 3's offshore dredged material disposal sites. Sediment samples collected from the site and a reference location will be analyzed for contaminants of concern. Results will be interpreted to ensure the site is not unreasonably degrading due to disposal activities, and to evaluate compliance with permit conditions and the Site Monitoring and Management Plan. Tissue samples were collected within the Mid-Atlantic Bight to determine background concentrations of contaminants. This information will be used to inform Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act (MPRSA) Section 103 Ocean Dumping Permit concurrence decisions. Water samples were also collected along the Mid-Atlantic Bight to support long-term monitoring of eutrophication on the Mid-Atlantic coast.

EPA Region 3 Settles CERCLA/EPCRA and CAA Matter with JBS Souderton, Inc. located in Souderton, Pennsylvania

Respondent failed to notify the NRC, SERC and LEPC after a July 12, 2017 and October 15, 2017 releases of anhydrous ammonia. In addition, the Respondent violated Section 112(r) of the CAA, by failing to design and maintain a safe facility by taking the steps to prevent accidental releases of an extremely hazardous substance, provide audible and visual alarms inside and outside the Facility's machine room and prevent excessive buildup of ice on valves and gauges. On July 10, 2019, the region filed a CAFO requiring Respondent to pay \$122,624 in civil penalties.

EPA Region III Issues Comfort Letter Related to the Pyramid Chemical Removal Site Located in Pottstown, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

On July 19, 2019, Region 3 signed a comfort letter designed to assist in the reuse of the Pyramid Chemical Removal Site located in Pottstown, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania (Site). The Site consists of two warehouses located on High Street in Pottstown. The warehouses contained a combined total of more than 200 containers of abandoned chemicals. Many of these containers were in a dangerously deteriorated condition. In February of 2001, EPA Region III conducted a removal action to properly dispose of these chemicals and decontaminate the buildings. EPA Region III does not expect to take further action at the Site. The prospective owner intends to use the Site for an owner-occupied commercial space and informed EPA that a comfort letter was necessary in order to facilitate the revitalization of this Site.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Regional Administrator Cosmo Servidio has the following events and meeting scheduled:

- **July 29- Brownfields Redevelopment Ribbon Cutting and Grant Announcement Ceremony**, Weirton, WV. Also attending are U.S. Senator Shelly Moore Capito, U.S. Representative David B. McKinley, and Governor Jim Justice

Hot Topics**Ethylene Oxide**

Multiple articles and news casts published July 19th focused on EtO concerns at two Georgia sterilizer facilities, Sterigenics in Cobb County and BD Bard in Covington, Georgia. Region 4, in consultation with HQ, is coordinating with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division to respond to information requests.

Yazoo Backwater

On July 26th, Region 4 Administrator Walker and staff will participate on a call with the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Senators Wicker and Hyde-Smith, and the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency Director to discuss the emergency declarations in the Mississippi Delta. On August 2nd, Region 4 Administrator Walker and staff will be joining the Office of Water in a meeting with the Corps of Engineers in Washington, DC. Additionally, Region 4 staff plans to participate in a tour of the Yazoo Backwater Area on August 19th.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events**North Carolina Farm Tour**

On July 30th, Region 4 Administrator Walker will be attending the North Carolina Farm Tour. North Carolina Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler, along with Assistant Commissioners Joe Reardon and Dr. Sandy Stewart, will also be in attendance.

Water Emergency Response Team

On July 30th and 31st, Water Liaison training will be provided to staff to provide critical knowledge needed to integrate into the Incident Command System organization and perform liaison-type roles when working with states, the Corps and FEMA during disasters. More than 45 staff from the Region will attend. This training was developed in coordination with the HQ Water Security Division.

Superfund Redevelopment Initiative Anniversary Press Event

On July 31st, the Region 4 Administrator will hold a press amplification event regarding the anniversary of the Superfund Redevelopment Initiative. The event will be held at the Cecil Field Superfund site in Jacksonville, FL. Jacksonville, FL. Open Press.

Escambia Wood Treating (FL) and Townsend Saw and Chain (SC) Superfund Sites notices of intent to partially delete was published in the Federal Register on July 22, 2019.

Paducah SEC level Formal Dispute Resolution for both the C-400 Removal Notification and the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis – July 26, 2019.

Hot Topics**Community Interest in Kassouni Manufacturing Inc. (KMI) July 22 Open House**

Key Message: At Michigan's request, EPA is providing technical assistance to the state and the local health department as they respond to issues at the KMI site located in a residential area of Belding, Mich.

Over the past month there have been two fires at the facility, one of which produced a chlorine gas cloud. Local news coverage has focused on a risk management plan (RMP) for the facility, which estimates that a worst-case accident at the facility could create a chlorine gas cloud that would kill 470 people and injure another 3,000. Ionia County Health Department officials have ordered KMI to stop using the chemical responsible, trichloroisocyanuric acid, and secure any remaining stocks of it. However, some residents and city officials remain concerned about the potential for more toxic releases. EPA participated in the open house hosted by the state, which attracted roughly 150 concerned residents.

Illinois EPA Issues Violation Notice to University Park, Ill., Water System Operator

Key Message: EPA continues to work closely with IEPA on this issue by providing our technical expertise and resources. We've also shared with IEPA our interest in seeing expeditious action by the state to address violations under the LCR.

On July 25, 2019, Illinois EPA issued a Violation Notice to Aqua Illinois Inc. for alleged violations regarding the public water supply in University Park, Green Garden and Monee Township, Ill. Alleged violations include failure to provide water safe for domestic consumption; failure to comply with monitoring and test requirements; and failure to obtain necessary construction and operating permits. Aqua Illinois has 45 days to respond to the notice, including a statement whether Aqua wishes to enter into a state Compliance Commitment Agreement.

Additional EtO Air Sampling in Lake County, Ill.

Key Message: The Lake County Health Department released additional EtO air sampling data.

The Lake County Health Department released five additional days of air sampling data on July 23, showing results through June 22. Sampling began on June 6, near the Vantage and Medline facilities, and continued through July 3, showing elevated concentrations on some days. Monitoring has temporarily been suspended until Medline completes construction of controls required under their new permit.

Local Municipalities Join Sterigenics Suit

Key Message: On July 24, the Court granted the requests of Willowbrook, Darien, Hinsdale and Burr Ridge to have a say in the consent order.

They have until August 30 to file a brief, and Sterigenics has a week to respond, so the Court will not hear the consent order discussion until September 6 and the facility will remain closed until then. The Court also accepted an amicus brief from some political representatives about the intent of the recently passed Illinois legislation.

Region 5 Met with Inspector General on July 24 for USS Lead Debrief

Key Message: The Region looks forward to receiving any recommendations the OIG is able to make about improving risk communications.

On July 24, the Office of the Inspector General debriefed Region 5 and HQ staff about comments received at their June 26 listening session at the USS Lead site in East Chicago, Ind. Feedback from interviews they conducted with other residents, city or state officials was not shared. Many of the comments had been raised and addressed repeatedly by the Region over the past decade. Although the OIG didn't identify any of the commenters, the Region's site team recognized many of them as residents and activists who've attended public meetings and open houses over the years. The OIG seemed unaware of some of the Region's past outreach and the data systems the Region uses to respond to public concerns; the OIG will have follow-up calls with Region 5 staff to get more information about some of the issues that had been raised.

OIG is currently conducting an audit of EPA's risk communication at Superfund and RCRA corrective action sites. Their final report is expected late this year. During the report out, the OIG indicated that solutions would be up to the agency, suggesting that recommendations on ways to improve communications may not be included in the final report.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

July 30 Congressional Delegation Tour Aboard USGS's Vessel *Kiyi*

Key Message: Rep. McCollum and staff will be joined by EPA, Wisconsin DNR, and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for a tour of completed and in-progress Great Lakes restoration and brownfields work in and around Duluth, Minn.

Region 5 to Commemorate 20th Anniversary of Superfund Redevelopment Initiative with Event at Peters Cartridge

Key Message: On July 31, RA Stepp will tour the site, meet with state and local officials, and hold a press availability at the Peters Cartridge Superfund site in Kings Mills, Ohio.

Hot Topics**Mosaic Uncle Sam, Convent, Louisiana**

On July 22, 2019, LDEQ reported that as part of Mosaic's Clean Air Act Variance request for the spray evaporators, it wanted Mosaic to run a spray evaporator with fresh water to determine air dispersion characteristics. The evaporators are needed to remove 300 million gallons of excess process wastewater from the site by September 30, 2019, in order to maintain design freeboard. Mosaic is exploring the option of repurposing abandoned oil/gas wells for non-hazardous underground injection control. Wastewater would be treated prior to injection to remove corrosivity, metals, and radionuclides. Work continues on EPA's draft RCRA 7003 order, with LDEQ comments incorporated. The order requires Mosaic to develop and implement an Emergency Wastewater Treatment Plan to treat/manage process wastewater in order to avoid overtopping impoundments.

Georgia Pacific Settlement, Crossett, Arkansas

On July 23, 2019, EPA held a teleconference with Georgia Pacific, ADEQ, DOJ, and EPA counsel to discuss the latest draft to the Amended Consent Decree regarding modifications necessary to move the judicial case to conclusion. Additionally, possible alternative SEPs proposed to Georgia Pacific to be included in the Amended Consent Decree were discussed.

Conroe Creosoting Prospective Purchaser, Conroe, Texas

On July 24, 2019, EPA held a teleconference with Congressman Brady's office regarding concerns raised by a prospective purchaser of the Conroe Creosoting NPL site. The potential investment company is concerned about potential CERCLA, state, and other liabilities that could arise resulting from their purchase, and they asked EPA and TCEQ for an agreement to address such concerns. The company recently informed EPA that the draft Bona Fide Prospective Purchase Agreement does not address the full scope of their liability concerns and intends to elevate the issue with EPA, TCEQ and the Texas AG.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events**Texas Title V Petition Resolution Letter, Texas**

By July 26, EPA will respond to the state's June 2018 letter and subsequent discussions on how to resolve long-term EPA objections to Texas Title V air permits. OGC has provided a revised draft letter to the Deputy AA of OAR on the acceptability of draft response.

Houston/Galveston/Brazoria 2008 Ozone Attainment, Texas

By July 26, a decision by HQ is expected regarding finalizing action to reclassify the HGB area from moderate to serious under the 2008 ozone NAAQS. TCEQ provided comments, asked for additional time to submit the serious area SIP revision, and asked that EPA delay finalization of the bump up to allow consideration of potential exceptional events during 2018, which if approved, the area would be meeting the 2008 ozone NAAQS.

DFW 2008 Ozone Attainment Demonstration Plan, Texas

By July 26, a decision by HQ is expected regarding finalizing action to bump up the DFW area from moderate to serious for the 2008 Ozone NAAQS. TCEQ provided both oral and written comments requesting that EPA delay the required serious SIP revision submission date from 12 months to 18 months.

Arkansas Regional Haze Phase II SIP Revision, Arkansas

By July 31, EPA anticipates final approval of the Arkansas Regional Haze Phase II SIP revision. On December 31, the comment period for EPA's proposed approval closed and adverse comments were submitted. The SIP revision addresses SO₂ and PM BART requirements for electric generating units (EGUs) and reasonable progress requirements for SO₂ and PM emissions and will replace a portion of the existing FIP.

New Mexico Statutes, New Mexico

By August 15, a decision by EPA is expected on the final approval of revisions to New Mexico's SIP, which incorporates revisions to their statutory authority. The city of Albuquerque commented on the proposal. The Region has had discussions with both NMED and the city. This final action incorporates additional portions of the statute to address comments.

- July 29 - Texas Public Power Association, Environmental Committee Meeting, San Antonio, Texas
- July 30 - International Emissions Inventory Conference, Dallas, Texas
- July 31 - SRI Event, Tulsa Fuel & Manufacturing Superfund Site, Collinsville, Oklahoma
- August 2 - Environmental Conference, Austin, Texas

Hot Topics

Support to Prairie Band Potawatomi

Key Message: Air monitoring program support to Prairie Band Potawatomi.

- EPA staff went on-site to Prairie Band Potawatomi to diagnose and assess inoperative meteorological and particulate monitoring equipment.
- Meteorological equipment issues were resolved and equipment operational after on-site visit.
- Particulate monitor was recovered and returned to the Region 7 Lab where EPA staff diagnosed and repaired the faulty equipment.
- EPA staff returned equipment to Prairie Band Potawatomi and will work with them to reinstall and quality assure the monitoring site to fully operational status.

President's Environmental Youth Award Announcement Press Releases

Key Message: The President's Environmental Youth Award recognizes outstanding environmental projects by K-12 youth. The PEYA program promotes awareness of our nation's natural resources and encourages positive community involvement. Since 1971, the President of the United States has joined with EPA to recognize young people for protecting our nation's air, water, land, and ecology.

Drinking Water Sanitary Survey Training

Key Message: EPA Region 7 provided sanitary survey training to state staff.

- Every primacy agency (state/tribe/EPA) has the same requirement to conduct sanitary surveys of community water systems once every three years.
- The purpose of a sanitary survey is to determine if sanitary deficiencies are present in a water system and to verify the system's compliance with SDWA regulations. This information serves as a benchmark with which to gauge the effectiveness of a water system to deliver quality drinking water and is valuable in addressing the system's present and future needs.
- 23 state participants attended from IDNR, KDHE, MDNR and NDHHS, along with six EPA Region 7 personnel.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

During the week of July 29, 2019, Regional Administrator Jim Gulliford and Deputy Regional Administrator Ed Chu will participate in a courtesy visit with KDOT.

On July 30, 2019, Regional Administrator Jim Gulliford will travel to St Louis, MO for a food recovery event.

On August 1, 2019, Regional Administrator Jim Gulliford will participate in the Quarterly Region 7 Interagency Lead Task Force meeting.

On August 8, 2019, Regional Administrator Jim Gulliford will participate in a morning segment of WIBW Radio's Ag Issues program. Show host Greg Akagi has requested to speak about the sulfoxaflo registration, year-round sales of e-15 (noting KC's exemption) and other EPA Region 7 Ag initiatives. <https://www.wibwnewsnow.com/category/agriculture/>

Hot Topics**Responses to Second Round of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review of the Uintah & Ouray (U&O) Draft Proposed Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) for Oil and Gas Sources**

On July 22, 2019, OMB transmitted a second round of consolidated interagency comments to the Region 8 Air and Radiation Division on the U&O draft proposed FIP and the associated Regulatory Impact Analysis. Region 8 staff along with the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) drafted responses that are circulating for internal review. We intend to send the second-round responses back to OMB early next week.

Proposed Notice Determining the Denver Nonattainment Area (NAA) Failed to Attain the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS)

Region 8 is proposing to determine that the Denver area failed to attain the 2008 ozone NAAQS by the July 20, 2018, attainment date and reclassify the area to a Serious NAA. The notice announces details for a public hearing planned for Friday, September 6, 2019, in the Region 8 Conference Center. Region 8 is prepared to sign the proposed notice as soon as the Administrator signs the final national 2008 ozone NAAQS Moderate areas determinations of attainment notice. The R8 notice references the final national notice.

Lake Koocanusa Letter to Ministry of Environment

On July 22, a letter from the R8 and R10 RAs was sent to the British Columbia Deputy Environment Minister expressing EPA's concerns about Teck Coal's plans to stabilize and reverse increasing selenium trends flowing from Canada to the U.S. This week the BC Premier also responded to the June 13 letter regarding transboundary mining from 8 US Senators (including Senators Tester and Daines from Montana). The response details BC actions to ensure oversight of mines with transboundary impacts. Region's 8 and 10 have been closely engaged with U.S stakeholders and the BC Ministry of Environment to work toward protective site-specific selenium standards for Lake Koocanusa

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events**South Dakota Ag Tour**

The RA will participate in an ag tour in eastern South Dakota July 29 through August 1, 2019. Highlights of the tour will include touring the Glacial Lakes Energy's Ethanol Plant near Watertown and various farm tours. On August 1, EPA will convene an ag roundtable discussion with SD ag association president's and executive directors in Sioux Falls. This tour will include opportunities for local media engagement.

Hot Topics**State Revolving Fund**

We advised the State of Hawaii of our intent to withhold the FY 2019 Clean Water State Revolving Fund grant. Over \$150 million of Hawaii's Clean Water SRF money has not been allocated to projects. We will continue to work with Hawaii to identify opportunities to apply EPA funds to much-needed infrastructure investment, in a state with several thousand cess pools.

Suspected Ricin incident

We are supporting the State of California and indirectly, the FBI, in the assessment and decontamination of a state prison in Crescent City which received two envelopes suspected of containing ricin, potentially exposing 11 employees and 3 inmates. Analytics results are pending. While there has been no formal request for EPA assistance, we are providing technical assistance and guidance.

Chevron Oil Spill

The largest oil spill in California continues with much media and elected-official attention. About 970,000 gallons to date have leaked from the ground at an oilfield west of Bakersfield since May one-third oil and two-thirds water. The leaks, into a presently dry creek, are associated with abandonment of a steam-injection well in the Cymric oil field west of Bakersfield. The state Division of Oil and Gas (DOGGR) issued a notice of violation and requirement to cease steam injection. Chevron is taking action to relieve the subsurface pressure which may be forcing the oil/water mix to the surface. It is yet unclear if any federal or state notification requirements apply to this oil spill.

NPL proposed deletion

We finalized a Notice of Intent to Delete package for the Intel Corporation Santa Clara 3 Superfund site in Silicon Valley. Upon Federal Register publication, we'll begin a public comment period. The site's groundwater meets all drinking water standards, and once deleted, there will be no restrictions on the future use of the property. We hope to publish a final notice by September 30 and support meeting the national target.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Regional Administrator Mike Stoker and Charles Munoz will tour Navy facilities in the Ventura area next Tuesday and Wednesday. The RA will then meet with the LGAC member/Oxnard mayor *pro tem* and tour the Halaco Superfund site.

Hot Topics**Hecla Lucky Friday Mine NPDES Permit Appeal (ID)**

The Hecla Lucky Friday Mine NPDES permit was issued on June 21st. On July 22nd the permittee filed an appeal to the EAB over several conditions of the new permit. This permit was transferred to Idaho on July 1st but the appeal results in that permit reverting back to EPA. Region 10 will inform Idaho DEQ of this and determine what conditions of the permit are stayed. Hecla intends to also appeal the State's 401 certification by the deadline of July 26th. The Region's response brief and certified index of the Administrative Record is currently due on August 21, 2019.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events**Wyckoff/Eagle Harbor Superfund Redevelopment Initiative Event (WA)**

To commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Superfund Redevelopment Initiative, Region 10 Administrator Hladick will visit the former creosote treatment site Wyckoff/Eagle Harbor on July 31st. While there, the RA will meet with representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the City of Bainbridge Island, and Bainbridge Island Metro Parks. The work at the Wyckoff site demonstrates how parcels previously suffering from heavy contamination can be cleaned up, revitalized, and brought back in to productive use for the benefit of the local community. As the cleanup continues to move ahead, part of the site now serves a home to Pritchard Park, a well-loved local open space overlooking Puget Sound and downtown Bainbridge Island.

Regional Administrator Tour of Phillips 66 Refinery and Taylor Shellfish at Samish Bay (WA)

On August 2nd, along with state and local partners, R10 Administrator Hladick will tour Taylor Shellfish at Samish Bay. Samish Bay has 4,000 acres of commercial shellfish beds and removing fecal pathogens from the watershed to upgrade the status to "approved" is a major priority of the Puget Sound Geographic Program's Shellfish Strategic Initiative. This directly follows a tour of the Ferndale Phillips 66 refinery located on Puget Sound in northwest Washington.

Navy Fleet Week Stewardship Symposium with Rear Admiral Gray (WA)

Rear Admiral Scott Gray, Commander, Navy Region Northwest, invited Region 10 leadership to attend an August 1st Seattle Fleet Week Stewardship Symposium - an interactive Navy engagement with the Greater Puget Sound environmental stewardship community to discuss the Navy's current mission, followed by a conversation on mitigation banking opportunities and challenges, and pathways forward to protect and restore the health of the Puget Sound. Navy Northwest is a member of the Puget Sound Federal Task Force, through which the EPA Puget Sound Program has been partnering with the Navy in their work related to Puget Sound recovery and protection.

Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Preliminary Final EIS (AK)

The BLM shared the Preliminary Final EIS for the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program (within the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge) with Cooperating Agencies on July 22nd for a 10-business day review period. The Preliminary Final EIS analyzes the impacts of alternatives for implementing the leasing program, including which areas to offer for lease and the terms and conditions to be applied to protect resources. EPA provided comments on the Draft EIS on March 7, 2019 including comments on air quality and water resources impacts analysis, the range of alternatives, and potential impacts to environmental justice communities. The Pre-FEIS includes responses to comments received on the DEIS.

Hot Topics

Packages for Signature:

- Site Remediation RTR (Proposed Rule)
- Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) and Nonattainment New Source Review (NSR): Project Emissions Accounting
- Integrated Iron and Steel RTR

Packages at OMB for Review:

- Vehicle Test Procedure Adjustments for Tier 3 Test Fuel (Proposed Rule; RECEIVED DATE: 02/25/2019)
- Amendments Related to Marine Diesel Engine Emission Standards (Proposed Rule; RECEIVED DATE: 04/10/2019)
- Renewable Fuel Standard Program: Modification of Statutory Volume Targets / RFS Reset (Proposed Rule; RECEIVED DATE: 05/20/2019)
- Exceptional Events Guidance: Prescribed Fire on Wildland that May Influence Ozone and Particulate Matter Concentrations (Final Guidance; RECEIVED DATE: 05/20/2019)
- Federal Implementation Plan for Oil and Natural Gas Sources; Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in Utah (Region 8 Proposed Rule; RECEIVED DATE: 05/23/2019)
- Guidance on Regional Haze State Implementation Plans for the Second Implementation Period (Final Guidance; RECEIVED DATE: 6/10/2019)
- Oil & Natural Gas Sector Emission Standards for new Reconstructed & Modified Sources Review (Proposed Rule; RECEIVED DATE: 6/10/2019)
 - MSW Landfills Emission Guidelines Subpart Ba Requirements (Final Rule; RECEIVED DATE: 7/2/2019)
- Ethylene Production RTR (Proposed Rule; RECEIVED DATE 7/12/2019)

Packages Heading to OMB Soon

- Light Duty Greenhouse Gas Program Technical Amendments (Final Rule)
- Strat Ozone - Section 608 Refrigerant Management – Revisions (Final Rule)
- MATS Coal Refuse-Fired Units Review (Final Rule)
- Organic Liquids Distribution (OLD) RTR (Proposed Rule)
- MON RTR (Proposed Rule)

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

- August 1-2: Anne will be in Austin, Texas to speak at the Texas Environmental Superconference

Hot Topics**Reinitiating Formal Consultation with NMFS**

OPP has reinitiated formal consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) on the agency's registration review of pesticides containing the organophosphate active ingredients chlorpyrifos, diazinon and malathion. Since issuance of EPA's February 2018 letter, several new developments have occurred that make it appropriate to reinitiate formal consultation at this time. For example, after receiving NMFS' 2017 final Biological Opinion, EPA opened a public comment period, specifically asking stakeholders for input on NMFS's jeopardy findings, Reasonable and Prudent Measures, and Reasonable and Prudent Alternatives. Several comments contained analyses, data or other substantive information.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events**Second TSCA SACC Meeting**

EPA will hold a meeting of the Toxic Substances Control Act Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals (TSCA SACC) July 29 – August 2, 2019. The TSCA SACC provides EPA independent advice and recommendations on the scientific basis for risk assessments, methodologies, and pollution prevention measures and approaches for chemicals regulated under TSCA. At the meeting, the TSCA SACC will review EPA's draft risk evaluations and associated documents for the cyclic aliphatic bromide cluster (HBCD) and 1,4-Dioxane.

TRI Preliminary Data Release

On July 30, OCSPP will publish preliminary Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) data about chemical releases, waste management, and pollution prevention activities during 2018 at more than 20,000 federal and industrial facilities in the U.S. OCSPP updates the dataset several times each year as facilities submit additional information. The complete 2018 dataset will be available in October. Next week's release marks the first time the public will have access to 2018 data.

Increasing Transparency for New Chemical Reviews

Next week, OCSPP will make additional status information about new chemical notices available to the public on the Agency's web site. Visitors to the new chemical review status tracker will be able to search monthly status updates for any active Premanufacture Notice (PMN), Significant New Use Notice (SNUN) and Microbial Commercial Activity Notice (MCAN) of interest by case number. This action is another important step toward meeting EPA's transparency goals, and complements other recent developments, including publishing all new chemical notices and their attachments (begun at the end of May), and publishing information about TSCA Confidential Business Information (CBI) claim reviews (begun in early July).

Hot Topics

OCFO continues to work with OCIR, OGC, and the programs to prepare responses to the SAC, HAC, and HEC QFRs.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

- NPM policy-approved FY 2019 Quarter 3 updates for the FY 2018-2019 Agency Priority Goals were due to OCFO on July 24 for submission to OMB by August 9.
- As requested in the CFO's July 19 e-mail, agency senior leader responses to the 2019 Enterprise Risk Ranking Survey are due July 26 to determine the top agency-wide enterprise risks.
- OCFO is scheduled to brief the Acting Deputy Administrator and the Administrator on August 1 for FY 2021 OMB Budget submission decisions. This includes the agency senior leader responses to the Multi-Year survey. After decisions are made, OCFO will issue policy guidance to the agency to develop the submission due to OMB in early September.
- On August 5, OGC and OCFO are scheduled to brief the Acting DA on an Anti-Deficiency Act issue.

Other

- The next issue of the E-Enterprise Bulletin is scheduled for release on July 31. Prior to publication, the final draft will be reviewed by OPA.
- On July 22, OCFO issued technical guidance, including training and milestones, on data entry of agency bowling chart metrics into the Budget Formulation System Performance Module. This guidance follows up the July 8 joint memorandum from the Acting DA and the CFO announcing the transition to the automated bowling chart reports for FY 2020.

Hot Topics

- **July 31-** OAR will hold a hearing about the proposed RFS annual rule; the hearing will be held at the Eagle Crest in Ypsilanti, MI.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

- **July 31-** As follow-up to a presentation from the Office of Resource and Conservation and Recovery's (ORCR) leadership during the National League of Cities' Annual Congressional City Conference, OIR is managing EPA's participation in a conference call featuring NLC members and ORCR.

Hot Topics**Washakie Renewable Energy LLC Employees Pleaded Guilty to Defrauding the United States of over \$500 Million in Renewable-Fuel Tax Credits**

On July 18, 2019, Jacob Kingston, who was the chief executive officer of Washakie Renewable Energy LLC, along with three family members, pleaded guilty in federal court in Salt Lake City, Utah to defrauding the United States of \$512 million in renewable-fuel tax credits. He acknowledged that his company falsely claimed to have produced or blended biodiesel fuel to qualify for tax credits. He also admitted laundering more than \$100 million in fraud proceeds in Turkey, obstructing justice and tampering with witnesses. In agreeing to pay back the \$512 million, the Kingstons will forfeit their Washakie Renewable Energy plant along the Utah-Idaho border, dozens of properties in Utah and Turkey, and several luxury cars and various bank accounts. A fifth defendant, a California resident who owns a small oil and gas empire, now faces trial alone, set for August 19, 2019.

FedCenter's Managing Board Meeting

On July 24, 2019, in an effort to further interagency collaboration among federal government agencies and to help ensure environmental compliance and stewardship in the federal community, OECA hosted a quarterly meeting of FedCenter's managing board at EPA Headquarters. FedCenter.gov is an EPA sponsored virtual compliance assistance and collaboration site which provides comprehensive environmental stewardship and compliance assistance information for federal facility managers and their agencies. Topics discussed included expanding FEDCenter's content to include information on redevelopment and emerging contaminants such as PFAS.

EPA Student Information Fair

On July 25, 2019, OECA staffed a table at the EPA Student Information Fair as part of the annual 2019 Presidential Environmental Education Awards Ceremony. OECA staff shared information about what OECA does and answered questions from students to get them interested in environmental careers.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Nothing to report this week.

Hot Topics***Idaho Conservation League v. Wheeler*, No. 18-1141 (D.C. Cir. filed July 19, 2019).**

New Decision: The court denied a petition for review of EPA's 2017 final action deciding not to impose financial responsibility requirements on the hardrock mining industry under CERCLA section 108(b). The court concluded that: EPA reasonably interpreted "risk" in 108(b) to relate only to ensuring against financial risks; section 108(b) does not specify which classes of facilities to regulate; EPA properly analyzed the appropriate financial considerations and found no "serious flaw" in EPA's economic analysis; and EPA's decision not to impose requirements was a logical outgrowth of the proposal.

***Citizens for Responsibility & Ethics in Washington v. EPA*, No. 19-2181 (D.D.C. filed July 23, 2019).**

New Litigation: Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW) filed a complaint challenging EPA's 2019 FOIA Regulation Update (FOIA Rule). CREW appears to focus on two sentences in the rule - one that provides for FOIA submissions to headquarters, and another identifying delegated decision makers. CREW seeks declaratory and injunctive relief, claiming that the Agency's issuance of the FOIA Rule exceeds its statutory authority and violates the APA.

***Orr v. EPA*, No. 19-226 (E.D.N.C. filed July 19, 2019).**

New Litigation: Plaintiff filed a *pro se* complaint seeking an injunction ordering EPA and other federal agencies to fulfill their obligations under the Endangered Species Act to benefit protected species and habitat on Roan Mountain in North Carolina. Plaintiff also seeks an emergency temporary restraining order against a local utility to prevent the spraying of the herbicide glyphosate on utility rights of way on Roan Mountain.

***August Mack Environmental v. EPA*, No. 18-12 (N.D.W. Va. Filed July 18, 2019).**

New Decision: The court granted EPA's motion to dismiss site contractor August Mack Environmental's (AME) action seeking to vacate an EPA ALJ's order denying payment from the Superfund because AME was not preauthorized to make their claim and because AME could not recover from site-specific funds.

***Sierra Club v. EPA*, No. 19-2562 (3d. Cir. filed July 8, 2019).**

New Litigation: The Sierra Club filed a petition for review regarding EPA's action on Pennsylvania's State Implementation Plan submission to address Reasonably Available Control Technology requirements for the 1997 and 2008 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events**China Panel**

General Counsel Leopold will be participating in a panel discussion on Monday July 29 at the Environmental Law Institute titled *Development of Environmental Law and Enforcement in China*.

Speech at Texas Environmental Superconference

General Counsel Leopold will speak on Friday August 2 at the Texas Environmental Superconference in Austin, TX on Hot Legal Issues.

Hot Topics**Policy Coordinating Committee (PCC) Meeting on International Marine Litter**

EPA attended a PCC interagency meeting on international marine litter issues along with representatives from State, USAID, USTR, DOE, NOAA, Treasury and Commerce. Agency representatives gave updates on current international marine litter work at each agency and reviewed outcomes from international meetings that have taken place this year where international marine litter has been discussed. The State Department summarized outcomes from the 4th UN Environment Assembly and the recent amendments to the Basel Convention. EPA provided an update on the marine litter outcomes from G7 and G20, and also described the OECD process with respect to the Basel Amendment.

Taiwan Meeting on Marine Litter

OITA met with Taiwan's newly established Ocean Conservation Administration (OCA) to advance EPA's cooperation on marine litter in Asia. Taiwan OCA expressed interest in partnering with EPA on a regional level to address marine pollution under the US-Taiwan International Environmental Partnership (IEP). Taiwan is also interested in cooperating with EPA on developing a lifecycle approach to improve water quality data and monitoring, coastal protection, wetland restoration, and models for interagency collaboration and will meet with the Chesapeake Bay office.

South and Southeast Asia Air Improvements Program

The South and Southeast Asia-Air Improvements in the Region (SSEA-AIR) program, led by EPA, Taiwan, and Battelle Institute air quality experts, launched the second in a series of four online modules designed to explain EPA's air quality action planning processes to government officials and experts in Asia. This process guides air quality planners and policymakers to achieve concrete actions that improve air quality and human health and reduce transboundary air pollution. Partners from ten countries in Asia will take the online modules in advance of the SSEA-AIR annual meeting next week, where they will develop country specific air quality action plans.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

July 30 – OITA AA will attend the White House meeting to discuss the Tijuana River Basin issues.

July 30 – OITA will meet with OIG for kickoff of the OIG evaluation of the Border 2020 Program.

Hot Topics

Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR)

- CCR Phase 2 proposed rule (package 1) – The package was provided to OP for the Administrator’s signature.
- CCR permitting NPRM – We anticipate submitting this soon to OP for OMB review.
- CCR litigation packages (package 2, parts A and B) – We anticipate these going to OMB soon.

Clean Air Act 112(r) Risk Management Program (RMP)

We are working towards getting the rule package to OP for OMB review in early August.

Ongoing major Superfund NPL sites

We are working with Region 1 on Centredale, Region 2 on Woodbrook Road Dump, Region 4 on Oak Ridge, Region 8 on Anaconda Smelter, and Region 10 on Portland Harbor and Quendell Terminal.

CERCLA 108(b) Financial Assurance (next three sectors)

We anticipate FR publication for Industry 1 soon.

Aerosol Cans Final Rule

The rule package is with the workgroup for review. Workgroup Closure is expected on August 13.

PFAS

- PFOA and PFOS contaminated groundwater guidance. OLEM is developing potential options for next steps on the guidance in consideration of the public comments.
- Clarification received from the Administrator on the regulatory work to propose inclusion as “hazardous substances” under CERCLA.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

ECOS Call

On July 26, OLEM will join in a conference call with ECOS to provide an update on recycling and food waste developments and for a general discussion.

Texas Environmental Superconference

On August 2, Steven Cook will participate in a CERCLA discussion at this conference in Austin, TX.

Clean Water Act Hazardous Substances Spill Prevention (SPLASHs) Final Rule

OMB determined the rule to be non-significant; as such, we are working on the signature package and getting materials ready for submittal to the docket. We anticipate the rule package moving to OP for signature in early August.

Hot Topics

Nothing to report this week.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

On-Site OPM Human Capital Management Evaluation (HCME) Week of August 5th

A team of Office of Personnel Management evaluators will be on site in the next several weeks as part of OPM's HCME of EPA Headquarters programs. The HCME will include review of three areas under the human capital framework: strategic planning; performance culture; and talent management. The review will also involve participation from the Chief Human Capital Officer, Office of Human Resources, Shared Service Centers and some serviced organizations.

Visit by OMB Examiner to EPA Cincinnati

On Monday, July 29th and Tuesday July 30th, an OMB staff examiner will be visiting Cincinnati, along with headquarters staff from OCFO, OMS, and ORD. OMS and ORD are teaming up to offer an overview of the Cincinnati Facilities and describe the important role that the agency's B&F appropriation plays in maintaining a world class research facility. The group will tour laboratories throughout the building and satellite facilities to learn more about the ongoing research supporting drinking water treatment technology, lead and copper rule, impacts of pollution on stream water quality, and homeland security research for the drinking water and wastewater sectors.

Hot Topics

Local Foods, Local Places in Florida – On July 31-August 1, Office of Community Revitalization staff will be in Fort Pierce, Florida to help the city explore ways to improve access to local foods, promote physical activity, and raise awareness of the importance of protecting local water quality. Fort Pierce contains census tracts that have been designated as Opportunity Zones.

Active Interagency Reviews from OMB	
Subject	OMB Due Date
DOE/OEM IFRM: Elemental Mercury Storage Fees	07/31/2019
HUD NPRM: Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards	08/02/2019
DoD/ACE NPRM (Pass-back): Natural Disaster Procedures: Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Activities of the Corps of Engineers	N/A

Documents Sent to the Federal Register from July 18-25, 2019		
FRL #	Title	Date Sent to FR
9997-38-Region 4	Air Plan Approval; TN; Updates to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Chattanooga	07-25-2019
9997-40-Region 4	Air Plan Approval; Kentucky; Interstate Transport (Prongs 1 and 2) for the 2010 1-Hour NO2 Standard	07-25-2019
9994-72-OCSP	Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances	07-24-2019
9996-08-Region 7	Approval of Missouri Air Quality Implementation Plans; Redesignation of the Missouri Portion of the St. Louis-St. Charles-Farmington, MO-IL 2012 PM2.5 Unclassifiable Area	07-24-2019
9996-45-Region 7	National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List: Partial Deletion of the Omaha Lead Superfund Site	07-24-2019
9996-33-OMS	Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records: IGEMS	07-24-2019
9996-94-OMS	NSPS for Automobile and Light Duty Truck Surface Coating Operations (Renewal)/ICR 1064.19	07-24-2019
9996-10-Region 7	Air Plan Approval; Missouri; Revisions to Cross-State Air Pollution Rule Annual Trading Program and Rescission of Clean Air Interstate Rule	07-24-2019
9997-20-Region 2	National Oil and Hazardous Substance Pollution Contingency Plan National	07-24-2019

	Priorities List: Deletion of the Peter Cooper Superfund Site	
9997-33-Region 9	Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Feather River Air Quality Management District; Correction	07-24-2019
9997-29-Region 5	Air Plan Approval; Ohio; Removal of Obsolete Infectious Waste Incinerator Regulations	07-24-2019
9997-11-OMS	NSPS for Flexible Vinyl and Urethane Coating and Printing (Renewal)/ICR 1157.12	07-24-2019
9997-18-OMS	NSPS for Lead-Acid Battery Manufacturing (Renewal)/ICR 1072.12	07-24-2019
9997-19-Region 2	National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List: Deletion of the Peter Cooper Superfund Site	07-24-2019
9997-31-Region 5	Air Plan Approval; Indiana; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2012 PM2.5 NAAQS; Interstate Transport	2019-07-24
9997-30-Region 4	Air Plan Approval; Kentucky: Cross-State Air Pollution Rule	07-24-2019
9997-32-Region 4	Air Plan Approval and Designation of Areas; FL; Redesignation of the Hillsborough County 2010 1-Hour Sulfur Dioxide Nonattainment Area to Attainment	07-24-2019
9995-09-OCSP	Proposed Modification of Significant New Uses of Oxazolidine, 3,3'-Methylenebis[5-methyl-,	07-23-2019
9996-96-Region 8	Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Utah; Revisions to Nonattainment Permitting Regulations	07-22-2019
9996-89-Region 8	Promulgation of State Implementation Plan Revisions; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards; Colorado and North Dakota	07-22-2019
9997-23-Region 7	National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List: Partial Deletion of the Cleburn Street Well Superfund Site	07-22-2019
9997-12-Region 8	Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent: Richard Flat Tailings Site, Park City, Summit County, Utah	07-22-2019
9997-22-Region 7	National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; National	07-22-2019

	Priorities List: Partial Deletion of the Cleburn Street Well Superfund Site	
9995-55-OCSPP	Access to Confidential Business Information by Battelle Memorial Institute and Its Identified Subcontractor, Integrated Laboratory Systems, Inc.	07-19-2019
9995-54-OCSPP	Access to Confidential Business Information by SRA International Inc.	07-19-2019
9996-16-OCSPP	Notice of Receipt of Requests to Voluntarily Cancel Certain Pesticide Registrations and Amend Registrations to Terminate Certain Uses	07-19-2019
9997-05-ORD	Availability of Synthetic Turf Field Recycled Tire Crumb Rubber Research Under the Federal Research Action Plan Final Report: Part 1 - Tire Crumb Rubber Characterization	07-19-2019
9997-15-Region 9	Air Plan Approval; California; South Coast Air Quality Management District; Stationary Source Permits	07-19-2019
9991-17-OCSPP	Proposed Revocation of Significant New Use Rule for Fatty Acid Amide	07-18-2019
9994-63-OCSPP	Lactic Acid; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [CAS Reg. No. 50-21-5; Petition # IN-11113]	07-18-2019
9995-63-OCSPP	Sulfoxaflor; Pesticide Tolerances	07-18-2019
9996-98-Region 5	Partial Deletion of the New Brighton/Arden Hills/Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plan Superfund Site (TCAAP Site) from the National Priorities List	07-18-2019
9996-48-ORD	Protection of Human Research Subjects	07-18-2019
9996-92-Region 4	Air Plan Approval; Kentucky: Jefferson County Definitions and Federally Enforceable District Origin Operating Permits	07-18-2019
9996-83-Region 1	Air Plan Approval; Rhode Island; Prevention of Significant Deterioration; PM10, PM2.5 and NOx.	07-18-2019
9996-97-Region 5	Partial Deletion of the New Brighton/Arden Hills/Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plan Superfund Site (TCAAP Site) from the National Priorities List	07-18-2019
9997-06-OCSPP	Chlorpyrifos; Final Order Denying Objections to March 2017 Petition Denial Order	07-18-2019
9997-04-Region 8	National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List: Deletion of the	07-18-2019

	Intermountain Waste Oil Refinery Superfund Site	
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Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Nothing to report this week.

Hot Topics**Technical support: elevated temperatures at landfill in Northville, MI**

ORD is providing technical support to the State of Michigan on an elevated subsurface landfill heating issue. Scientists held a two-hour workshop with Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy on June 19. ORD presented the state of the science regarding elevated temperatures at landfills and appropriate approaches to evaluate the extent and location or movement of heating reactions.

PFAS

ORD is providing support to West Virginia on PFAS emissions sampling. As part of this effort, this week ORD and the West Virginia Department of Air Quality are visiting Chemours Washington Works to observe PFAS emission testing and help characterize PFAS incineration emissions.

Advancing Toxicokinetics for Efficient and Robust Chemical Evaluations Request for Applications

EPA anticipates announcing the Advancing Toxicokinetics for Efficient and Robust Chemical Evaluations Request for Applications (RFA) this week. The RFA will be open through Sept. 10, 2019. This RFA is seeking applications to advance the development of chemical toxicokinetic tools and approaches for broader applicability during chemical evaluations, with an emphasis on their application within new approach methodologies (NAMs) framework.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events**Meeting with Region 3 State Environmental Health Leaders**

On August 7 in Cincinnati, ORD will meet with Region 3 states to discuss environmental and public health challenges. States will hear from ORD on their capabilities and research. ORD scientists will be discussing sources of concerns and drinking water. The discussion will focus on an overview of *Legionella* and other opportunistic premise plumbing pathogens and DBPs as well as pipe scale studies and drinking water treatment.

Region 5 Pb Partnerships Meeting

ORD was invited by EPA Region 5 to their July 31st State Directors' meeting on Lead (Pb) partnership status to discuss the work in collaboration with Region 5 and their state partners for helping identify high Pb exposure locations. ORD will give updates from the 2019 National Environmental Health Association Conference Pb mapping session, efforts to advance Pb exposure science and build state partnerships, and work-in-progress efforts with ASTHO and ECOS.

Radiological Testing at the Water Security Test Bed

The week of July 29, ORD will be conducting experiments at Water Security Test Bed (WSTB) located at the Idaho National Laboratory (INL). Radiological experiments are planned for this trip including (1) contamination and decontamination of water distribution system (pipes) and (2) testing of a prototype scintillation fiber technology for detection. This week representatives from Army, Navy, Coast Guard and private industry (Schneider) are planning to visit to learn more about the WSTB and evaluate potential collaborations. Currently, wildfires near the INL have forced shutdowns and evacuations of the facility and may impact the planned experiments. ORD is monitoring the situation and will develop plans for alternative experiments if the radiological work cannot be performed.

Hot Topics**OW Meets First Deadline Under the America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA)**

Next week, OW anticipates releasing a document, *Baseline Information on Malevolent Acts for Community Water Systems (CWSs)*, as required under Section 2013 of AWIA. The EPA is required by AWIA to make this information available no later than August 1, 2019. The document provides CWSs with key information on identifying threat categories for their utility and estimating the likelihood of occurrence, as they respond to the new requirement to conduct risk and resilience assessments by set deadlines, based on population size. OW will simultaneously release additional resources to assist CWSs in meeting new requirements under AWIA: (1) Updated Vulnerability Self-Assessment Tool – to assist water utilities with conducting a risk and resilience assessment; (2) Emergency Response Plan Template and Instructions – to provide water utilities with information used in developing or updating emergency response plans; and (3) Online Certification Portal – to provide CWS with an easy-to-use online platform to certify completion of the Risk and Resilience Assessments and Emergency Response Plans.

WIFIA Willamette Water Supply Loans

As early as next week, OW will close its tenth WIFIA loan, with Tualatin Valley Water District (TVWD) of Beaverton, OR. In mid-August, OW will close its eleventh loan, with the City of Hillsboro, OR, a partner with TVWD on this project. The loans will finance the Willamette Water Supply Program that will provide the two municipalities, currently serving 315,000 customers, with additional resilient drinking water supply capacity. The loans will help finance upgrading water intake infrastructure, over 30 miles of pipeline, a new 60 MGD water treatment plant, and ultimately 95 MGD of drinking water.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events**Second National Drought Forum**

Next week, Assistant Administrator David Ross will attend the Second National Drought Conference, where he will announce the release of a capabilities document that identifies six goal areas of National Drought Resilience Partnership's (NRDP) drought resilience efforts. The release of this document will prompt discussion and foster a national dialogue about how the NDRP Member Agencies can help build a more drought resilient nation in full partnership with support of states, tribes, and other stakeholders. Pre-registered press.

31st Annual Texas Environmental Superconference

Next week, Mr. Ross will speak at the Texas Environmental Superconference on water priorities and regulatory updates. Closed press.

El Paso Water Tour

Next week, Mr. Ross will tour El Paso's water facility and speak to their water workforce. Closed press.